

DDS Legislative Update – February 9, 2018

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Note: This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

This legislative update shows some of the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session. If a Public Hearing on a bill has been scheduled, the date of the public hearing and in most instances a link to the public hearing agenda will be after the bill’s description.

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by May 9, 2018 at midnight, and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

Key to Legislative Terminology:

Vote to Draft means a Proposed Bill will be drafted as a Committee Bill.

Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing means a bill will have a Public Hearing but the date of the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

Change of Reference means that the original committee is moving the bill to another committee without a Joint Favorable action.

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill’s provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note, which explains what a bill would cost or save if implemented, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House Cal. No. or Senate Cal. No.**) is also a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill’s place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number.

Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services**

The **Public Health Committee** at their **February 9, 2018** committee meeting voted to raise as bills the Department of Developmental Services 2018 legislative proposals. These five legislative proposals will now be drafted as bills and each will have a Public Health Committee public hearing sometime towards the end of February or in early March. The five bills that make up DDS's 2018 legislative package are:

1. **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING OVERSIGHT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND END-OF-LIFE PLANNING**
2. **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP ASSESSMENTS**
3. **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WAIVER OF FEE AND NOTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS LICENSING APPLICATIONS**
4. **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DDS GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS**
5. **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES**

- **Senate Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [S.B. No. 1](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. LARSON, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; SEN. GERRATANA, 6th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. GOMES, 23rd DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE', to expand the sick leave program to provide earned family and medical leave to certain individuals employed in this state.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 2](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND NET NEUTRALITY PRINCIPLES', to require Internet service providers to register and pay registration fees and require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to apply net neutrality principles to Internet service providers and enforce such principles with civil penalties.
REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

[S.B. No. 8](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. EDUCATION

[S.B. No. 10](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

[S.B. No. 12](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

[S.B. No. 15](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[S.B. No. 16](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

**Proposed [S.B. No. 19](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY-BASED AND HOME-BASED CARE', to expand the provision of cost-effective community-based and home-based care for persons who are elderly or who have Alzheimer's disease.
REF. AGING**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 20](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING RECEIPT OF STATE RETIREMENT INCOME DURING TIMES OF REEMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE', to prohibit the receipt of pension and salary payments from the state at the same time.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

- **House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5013](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TAX', to eliminate the ambulatory surgical centers tax.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5029](#) REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS', to establish a deduction from the personal income tax for deposits made by a taxpayer to an achieving a better life experience account.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5033](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BUDGETING FOR MEDICAID EXPENDITURES', to ensure that budget calculations reflect the full cost of Medicaid programs for purposes of determining compliance with the state constitutional spending cap.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5034](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5035](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5038](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations for human services programs.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[H.B. No. 5039](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT PROTECTING HEALTH CARE FAIRNESS AND AFFORDABILITY', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

[H.B. No. 5043](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT PROMOTING A FAIR, CIVIL AND HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[H.B. No. 5044](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR TREATMENT OF SICK

WORKERS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5047](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. '**AN ACT INCREASING COPAYS UNDER STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS**', to increase copays for all state employees by one per cent.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5048](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING A CAP ON STATE EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES**', to cap educational reimbursements for state employees to an in-state university tuition level.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5049](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. '**AN ACT REDUCING THE SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS BY TEN PER CENT**', to save money by reducing the salaries of state elected and appointed officials.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

- **Appropriations Committee Public Hearings and DDS Budget Presentation**

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** will hold **state agency budget presentations** and a **public hearing** on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018** in **ROOM 2C of the Legislative Office Building (LOB)**. The budget presentations for state health agencies are scheduled on February 16th as follows:

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Department of Developmental Services
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Department of Public Health
1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

The Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on February 16th will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB.

The Governor's budget adjustment bill is [H.B. No. 5035](#) AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019. See [Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2019](#) below for more details on these budget adjustments.

Below are the **rules for testifying** before the Appropriations Committee. **Please note** that for both the Health Agencies public hearing and the Human Services Agencies public hearing, **the Appropriations Committee makes accommodations for persons with special needs and their families.**

Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. in the LOB First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in Room 2700. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room two hours prior to the start of the public hearing.

On February 16th and February 21st the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs, and on February 22nd a separate sign-up sheet will be provided for elementary and secondary education students. Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee Chairs will alternate between the specialized lists and the standard list until the specialized lists have been exhausted. **For the February 16th public hearing, Room 2600 will be reserved for individuals with special needs in need of a quiet space while waiting to testify.**

Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Please submit 30 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up, but not later than 2:00 P.M. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. **All public hearing testimony, written & spoken, is public information.** The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and will be indexed by internet search engines. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

- **Governor’s Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2019**

On the 2018 session’s opening day, February 7, 2018, Governor Malloy addressed the General Assembly and detailed his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2019. Below is the link to the webpage for the **Governor’s Midterm Budget Adjustments** and links to the various sections of the budget adjustment document. The pages on which DDS information is available are shown next to the links. Also, below is a PDF link to the DDS budget summary from the budget adjustment document.

[GOVERNOR’S MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2019](#)

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[DDS MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY FY19](#)

[FY 2019 Recommended Budget Adjustments](#)
Complete Budget Adjustment Document (253 pages)